

a transmission unit adapted to transmit the device code, converted by said first conversion unit, to the device;

a reception unit adapted to receive a device code from the device; and

a second conversion unit for converting the device code received by said reception unit into a computer code.

71. (New) A computer according to Claim 70, wherein the device includes a facsimile apparatus.

72. (New) A computer according to Claim 71, wherein the facsimile apparatus is connected with a plurality of other facsimile apparatuses via a communication line.

73. (New) A computer according to Claim 70, wherein the device code includes a code for a character.

74. (New) A code processing method for a computer that communicates with a device, comprising:

a first conversion step in which an inputted computer code is converted into a device code;

a transmission step in which the computer code, converted in said first conversion step, is transmitted to the device;

a reception step in which a device code is received from the device; and

a second conversion step in which the device code received in said reception step

is converted into a computer code.

75. (New) A method according to Claim 74, wherein the device includes a facsimile apparatus.

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76. (New) A method according to Claim 75, wherein the facsimile apparatus is connected with a plurality of other facsimile apparatuses via a communication line.

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77. (New) A method according to Claim 74, wherein the device code includes a code for a character.

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#### REMARKS

Claims 38-77 are presented for examination, of which Claims 38, 47, 54, 63, 70, and 74 are in independent form. Claims 38-69 have been previously allowed. New Claims 70-77 have been added to provide Applicants with a more complete scope of protection.

Submitted with the present Preliminary Amendment is an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) that cites four Japanese patent applications. English translations of those foreign applications were provided with the IDS.

Japanese Application No. 4-151962 is understood to disclose a facsimile apparatus that can communicate with external devices, such as a computer and the like, through an interface circuit. The apparatus includes control means for controlling dial number data stored in a memory to be transferred to memory means provided in an external device.

Japanese Application No. 62-154842 is understood to disclose a facsimile